

December 2017

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A Message From Yasmin Beers



Interim City Manager

The holiday season is a very special time in Glendale, a time to share with our families and loved ones. This year, I trust you will find a strong sense of family and community here in Glendale. This is also a great time to shop and experience our different shopping opportunities - Downtown Glendale and Montrose Shopping Park. Your City Council has made sure Holiday shopping is especially jolly with the Downtown Trolley! The Holiday Trolley will run up & down Brand Boulevard and around Central Avenue from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Make sure to learn more about the operation to the right of this message or by visiting our website.

Glendale's strong community spirit also shines during the Holidays. Join us in bringing joy to local families this year at the Cram-A-Classic Toy Drive at the Alex Theatre tomorrow, December 6 from 3:00pm-8:00pm. Coordinated by Glendale's Community Services and Parks Department, in

Have you seen the Downtown Glendale Holiday Trolley make its way down Brand Boulevard yet?



Hop on at any number of stops along Brand Boulevard for easy access to holiday shopping and downtown dining – free of charge!

The trolley will run through January 15, 2018 Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm. The trolley will arrive at each stop approximately every 20 minutes.

This service is brought to you by Glendale City Council. For the full route and the location of the stops, visit our website www.glendaleca.gov/trolley.

Glendale On the Move

conjunction with the Glendale Fire Department and ABC7s Annual Spark of Love Toy Drive, the toy drive is a wonderful way to give back to the community and help make everyone's holidays a special time of year.

Looking back, there have been numerous achievements this past year that we should all be proud of, as well as some challenges that we continue dedicating our time and efforts to.

As 2017 draws to a close, reflecting on the challenges we've successfully faced over the past year builds optimism that we will continue to move forward in 2018. However, our continued success relies heavily on engaged citizens. We hope you continue to find ways to become active in your community - whether by participating in a toy drive, volunteering for a special program, or sharing your thoughts at a public meeting – we can work together in shaping the future we all want. With the beginning of 2018 fast approaching, I know that there will be many more accomplishments and milestones to boast about as Glendale moves forward toward its goals.

As we join our family and friends this Holiday Season, we should remember to take the time to reflect on the blessings bestowed upon us, appreciate our family, friends and co-workers, and to enjoy the festivities.

The Glendale City Council and staff express our appreciation to you, the wonderful people we call neighbors. We are a thriving community and have a lot for which to be grateful. We recognize that it is our connection with you, the people of this community, and the opportunity to serve this community that is the source of much joy for us.

On behalf of our entire City of Glendale family, I want to wish you and your family a safe, joyous Holiday Season, and prosperous New Year!

Winter Leisure Guide



GTV6's newest episode of <u>On The Move</u> is now available! Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's YouTube channel for new episodes.

Watch each segment here:

Glendale Downtown Holiday Trolley

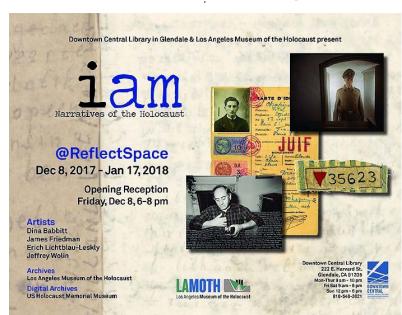
Public Parking Space Counters

"Bag That Business" Dog Poo PSA

Meet Me In Montrose

Holiday Cooking Safety

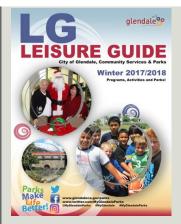
New Exhibition About Holocaust Opens December 8 in ReflectSpace



ReflectSpace at Downtown Central Library and the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust (LAMOTH) present a new exhibition that brings together contemporary photography and rare artifacts/archives to examine various narratives of survival and identity created during the Holocaust and later.

"i am" explores notions of identity and identification—person, place, time—and de-humanization during the Holocaust through a rare collection of artifacts from the LAMOTH.

Identification armbands, numbers and symbols worn by prisoners of concentration camps and identity cards (often stamped with a letter for further classification) from a multitude of European countries are on display. Their



Click on the image above to access the Winter 2017/2018 Leisure Guide and find classes and activities that suit each person in your family, from tots to seniors.

Winter Day Camp



Click on the image above to register for Glendale's Winter Day Camps.

Free Citizenship Classes



The International Rescue Committee in association with

Glendale Library, Arts, and Culture invites you to join us for

FREE CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Learn the English, Civics, and History requirements to pass the test and become a United States Citizen! Students must have a green card. Cosponsored by the International Rescue Committee. Pre-registration required. Classes continue every Wednesday. Learn more here.

Literacy Classes – Sign up Today!

The Adult Literacy Program helps adults who want to learn English as well as English-speaking adults who need to improve their reading and writing skills. Conversation classes and one-on-one tutoring sessions are offered for adults ages eighteen and over. Learn more here.

222 East Performers,

owners range from a broad cross-section of groups persecuted by the Nazis: Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, Romani gypsies, political prisoners, habitual offenders, and members of the LGBTQ community.

The exhibition runs from December 8, 2017, to January 17, 2018. The opening is Friday, December 8, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. "i am" is co-curated by Ara and Anahid Oshagan of ReflectSpace and Eric Hall of LAMOTH. Learn more here.

Meet Me in Montrose...



...for some family time around a good book, drinks with friends – both human and furry – or a great meal with someone special. Glendale's charming neighborhood district of Montrose is brimming with nearly 200 restaurants, stores, and boutique locations along a tree-lined windy brick street.

Not only does Montrose have great shopping and dining, it also boasts yearlong activities like the weekly Farmers Market, Arts & Crafts Festival, Independence Block Party & Hot Rod Show, Film Festival, Kids 'n Kritters Day, Halloween Spooktacular, Oktoberfest, and Montrose Old Town Christmas complete with horse-drawn trolley, live holiday music, carolers, and a strolling Santa.

Visit Montrose to experience for yourself all that the delightful district has to offer and use the hashtag #MeetMeinMontrose for a chance to win a prize! Watch the video!

Let's Put an End to Paper GWP Bills



Paper in the U.S. represents one of the biggest components of solid waste in landfills. By opting out of receiving paper bills, you can help reduce our dependence on paper, help the environment and save on postage!

Simplify your life by removing paper clutter. Go paperless with one easy step.

Backdoor Bookstore & Author Festival



Enjoy a used book sale and live music at the MONA Paseo, located at 216 S. Brand Blvd., plus an Author Festival at Downtown Central Library Auditorium, located at 222 E. Harvard St. Learn more here.

CALENDAR

Through January 12 - ONE YEAR: The Art of Politics in Los Angeles Brand Library 1601 W. Mountain St.

Conceived and organized by Joey Forsyte, Lawrence Gipe and Alex Kritselis, ONE YEAR features the work of 20 Angeles-based artists who engage with political topics as an integral part of their practices. The exhibition runs through January 12, 2018. Learn

December 6 – Cram-A-Classic Toy Drive, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Alex Theatre 216 N. Brand Blvd.

Celebrate ABC7's Sparks of Love and Glendale Cruise Night! Drop off a new unwrapped toy in front of the Alex Theatre and help us cram a Cruise Night classic car with toys! Glendale firefighters will collect and distribute the toys to undeserved children in our community. Learn more <a href="https://example.com/https://exampl

December 6 - Career Pathway Workshop, 2:00 p.m. Downtown Central Library 222 E. Harvard St.

Are you at an employment crossroads? Come to a career pathway workshop to learn about in-demand jobs in the Glendale Region. Sponsored by the Verdugo Jobs Center. Learn more here.

December 8 – ReflectSpace Holocaust Exhibition Opening, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Downtown Central Library 222 E. Harvard Ave.

In partnership with the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, ReflectSpace at Downtown Central Library presents a new exhibition focusing on the Holocaust and narratives of identity. Learn more here.

Click here to sign up for e-bill.

If you receive both e-bills and paper bills, access your online Glendale Water & Power account, then follow these steps:

- 1. Click on "Change PIN/Ebill" listed in the Main Menu
- Select "E-Bill-Go Paperless and receive email notification that your new bill is ready online" and submit

Don't forget! Even if you choose to switch to paperless billing only, you still have the ability to print anything that appears important to keep for your records. Thank you for doing your part in helping reduce paper waste!

Regional Immediate Intervention Service to Employment Project (RIISE) Created



The City of Glendale's Community Services and Parks Department's (CSP), Workforce Development Section has been awarded \$100,000 by the Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services Department to train and transition adults who are homeless into gainful employment. The funds are awarded from Measure H, which was approved by voters in 2016 to develop strategies and provide services to individuals who are homeless.

The grant recently created the Regional Immediate Intervention Service to Employment project (RIISE), which brings together several community partners to train and prepare participants for full-time employment. RIISE will target individuals who are homeless and are either foster youth, victims of domestic violence, disabled, or receive government assistance.

The City of Glendale's Continuum of Care, in partnership with Ascencia and other community organizations, will identify and refer candidates to the program. The Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC) will provide counseling and career guidance, as well as work readiness workshops to prepare participants for job search. Work readiness includes training in communication skills, interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, and other skills needed to be successful in the work environment.

The City of Glendale's Community Services & Parks Department will provide temporary paid work experience to help participants qualify for future jobs while earning wages. Individuals will be supervised while working at park sites conducting general park maintenance. The VJC will provide job placement assistance and supportive services, including interview and work clothing, and transportation assistance to secure employment.

For more information, please contact Rasheedah Scott, Case Manager via phone at (818) 937-8011 or email at rascott@glendaleca.gov

Infinite Clearance, From Burning Man Art to Street Art to Public Art Presented by Scott Froschaur

December 8 – Teen Workshop: Gender, Sexuality and Media, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Pacific Community Center 501 S. Pacific Ave.

Sandra Abarca of Planned Parenthood Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley, Inc. will present the topic of gender, sexuality and media. Participants will examine what media teaches us about sexuality and gender, and how these messages might affect how we view sexuality, how we communicate, our relationships, the decisions we make, and our health. Ages 13 -17 welcome. Learn more here.

December 8 & 9 – Fiesta de Las Luminarias, Starts Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m. & Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m. Casa Adobe de San Rafael 1330 Dorothy Dr.

Glendale Beautiful invites you to see the historic Casa Adobe de San Rafael surrounded in candlelight and to enjoy traditional refreshments and entertainment inside the adobe and throughout the park!

Please RSVP for the Friday night event to glendalebeautiful@gmail.com.

For more information, please call (818) 248-8151.

December 8 & 22 – Teen Night Out, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pacific Community Center 501 S. Pacific Ave.

Glendale Teen Night Out is designed to provide FREE teen activities that include billiards, ping pong, karaoke, PS4, and teen coordinated activities. Snacks and refreshments will be served. For question or more information, please call (818) 548-4098.

December 9 - 222 EAST Performances, Back Door Bookstore & Author Festival, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Downtown Central Library 222 E. Harvard St. MONA Paseo 216 S. Brand Blvd.

Downtown Central Library - 222 East Harvard Street Enjoy a used book sale and live music at the MONA Paseo, plus an Author Festival at the



Enjoy *The Word on the Street*, artist Scott Froschauer's art installations in parks and libraries in Glendale through November 2018. #WOTS

Word On The Street utilizes the materials and visual language of street signs, replacing the traditional language (Stop, Do Not Enter...) with positive affirmations.

Froschauer's work is derived from his experiences at The Burning Man Art Festival.

During his talk in Glendale last month, he explored what it means to make art for Burning Man and how he nurtured those ideas into something that could grow outside of Burning Man in the rest of the world through Street Art and, eventually, into government-sponsored public art.

Click to find art installation locations.

Free Rainwater Harvesting Class and Rain Barrel Pick Up

Downtown Central Library Auditorium. Learn more here

December 9 & 16 – Candle Light Tours of the Doctor's House + Brand Library Holiday Open House, 6:30 p.m. Brand Park 1601 W. Mountain St.

Enjoy a self-guided tour of the Doctor's House Museum decorated for the holidays. There will be refreshments and music. Learn more here.

December 12 - Family Movie Night, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Library Connection @ Adams Square 1100 E. Chevy Chase Dr.

Join us for a movie and popcorn! The evening's feature film will be Beauty and the Beast, rated PG. Ages 4+

Holiday Party, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Maple Park Community Center 820 E. Maple St.

December 14 - Club Maple

Food & beverages will be served as we celebrate the holidays together. Club Maple is a free program open to all adults with intellectual disabilities, which provides an opportunity for individuals to experience positive, healthy recreation and socialization experiences. Activities are appropriate to age and skill ability in a friendly and safe environment. For more information, please call Kenneth Khan at (818) 548-3783.

December 15 - Parent's Night Out, 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Pacific Community Center 501 S. Pacific Ave.

Drop off your children for an evening of fun, friends, food, and movies, while you spend an evening out doing whatever you want! Space is limited, so call to reserve your spot today! Learn more here.

December 16 - Family Afternoon Movie, 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Library Connection @ Adams



Glendale Water & Power and Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) are cohosting a free rain barrel harvesting class at the Glendale Police Department Community Room - located at 131 N. Isabel Street, Glendale, CA 91206 - on **Saturday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** We are also excited to offer customers the opportunity to easily purchase a rain barrel and pick it up on the same day, at the same location, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The rain barrel harvesting class will discuss the importance and benefits of rainwater harvesting, how to use rain barrels to collect water for later use in household yards, the rain barrel installation process, helpful methods to conserve water on your property, and rebate information.

Rain Barrel International will be teaching the class and will offer rain barrels at a discounted price of \$65+tax per barrel. The Metropolitan Water District provides a rebate of \$35 to Glendale and CVWD residents. Visit SocalWaterSmart.com to apply for the rebate. The rebates are offered for up to 2 barrels max, per household. Full retail price on these sorts of barrels normally runs as high as \$169.

Rain barrels must be pre-ordered ahead of time for pick-up. RSVP for the class and to pre-order your rain barrel by **clicking here**. More information can be obtained by calling Rain Barrels International at (562) 677-5180. No purchase is required to attend the free class. Customers can also just pre-order and pick-up the rain barrel without attending the free class. **Click here** to download the flyer.

Integrated Waste Management Celebrates America Recycles Day!



On November 1st, second and third grade students from Verdugo Woodlands,

Square 1100 E. Chevy Chase Dr.

Bring the whole family for a movie and popcorn! The evening's feature film will be *The Polar Express*, rated G. Ages 4+

December 17 – Parent's Day Out, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pacific Community Center 501 S. Pacific Ave.

December 17 – Annual Holiday Tea and Japan Culture Day, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Brand Park 1601 W. Mountain St.

Join the Friends of Shoseian for one of their biggest events of the year. There will be two traditional Japanese tea ceremonies, Taiko drums, Calligraphy (shodo), Koto music, martial arts (budo), Japanese massage, a great food truck, and more! Please RSVP to friends@shoseianteahouse.com Learn more here.

December 18 - Movie Night, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Pacific Park Library 501 S. Pacific Ave.

See *The Polar Express* with the whole family over some popcorn! Rated G. Ages 4+

December 19 - Lanterman Regional Center Armenian Parent Support Group, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Library Connection @ Adams Square 1100 E. Chevy Chase Dr.

This month's topic is Transition to Adulthood by Rebecca Diddams, Attorney. Presentation is open to parents and families of children with special needs. Learn more here.

December 20 & 21 - Glendale's Midweek Munchies, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Civic Aud. Parking Lot 31 Corner of Verdugo Rd. and Mountain St.

Community Services & Parks Department presents Glendale's Midweek Munchies! Food trucks will be offering their savory and sweet delectables for you to enjoy. Click here to learn more about Dec. 20. Click here to learn more about Dec. 21.

Glenoaks and Mountain Ave Elementary schools attended the Recycling Center Open House in honor of America Recycles Day.

One hundred seventy five students toured the City's Recycling Center, participated in a recycling relay, learned about composting, operated a recycling truck with the help of City staff, created a plastic bag sculpture and entered a drawing for a new bike by guessing how many cans were in a large bail of crushed cans. The students and teachers were excited to learn how Glendale Recycles Right!

Verdugo Sector Skills Project Helps Individuals Affected By Recent Layoffs



The Verdugo Jobs Center has been awarded the Verdugo Sector Skills Project - a grant that provides free vocational training and job placement services to individuals that have been affected by recent layoffs from 10 specific companies.

Space is limited, all interested are encouraged to contact Veronica Parra at vparra@glendaleca.gov or by calling (818) 409-7236. Click Here to view the flyer.

Maintenance Services Completes Debris Basin Cleaning



The Maintenance Services Division prepares for our annual rainy season by clearing and maintaining 39 debris basins located throughout the City of Glendale.

Keeping the basins clear of debris insures that the storm water run-off and hillside slide activity is contained in the basin and averts the potential of flooding streets and homes.

This annual cleaning is scheduled between the months of September through November. This year, the Division removed 1,169 tons of debris from these basins!

3 Fun Facts From Glendale Public Works

December 21 – Special Christmas Lunch for Seniors, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adult Recreation Center 201 E. Colorado St. Sparr Heights Community Center 1613 Glencoe Way

Seniors, put on your favorite holiday attire, and join us for the festivities at our annual Christmas Luncheon. The sounds of the season fill the air as you enjoy a delightful meal. Santa, himself, may stop by! \$2.50 donation for lunch for seniors 60 years of age or older and their spouses regardless of age. Non-seniors pay \$4.75 per person. Participants must call ahead and make reservations at least 1 week prior to the event. For reservations at the Adult Recreation Center, please call (818) 548-3778. For reservations at Sparr Heights Commuity Center, please call (818) 548-2187.

Check the <u>City's calendar</u> for changes in date, time, or location here.

Holiday Closures

Christmas Day Holiday Weekend

Saturday - Monday, December 23 - 25 City offices and Libraries closed

New Year's Day Holiday Weekend

Saturday - Monday, December 30 - January 1 City offices and Libraries closed

Learn more here.

Looking Ahead

January 10 - EmpowHER Women's Leadership Panel & Networking Brunch, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Other Newsletters

 Community Services and Parks



Questions? Call (818) 548-3916

- 1.Christmas Tree Recycling! Recycle your tree with us this holiday season! Pickup might take up to two weeks during peak times so please be patient.
- 2. Reduce Holiday Waste! By using reusable plates, cups and utensils, and decorating with party decorations that were found second-hand and can be used again and again, you can significantly reduce your waste this holiday season!
- 3. Holiday Waste Collection! Waste will not be collected on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. For the weeks of Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, place your containers out for collection one day after your normal collection day. If you have any questions, call Integrated Waste Management at (818) 548-3916.

Adams Hill Community Comes Together to Make Art Out of Trash



For the third year in a row, the Adams Hill Neighborhood Association, in coordination with the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Department, is sponsoring a holiday-inspired exhibit at the landmark Richfield Gas Station in the Adams Square Mini-Park. The Park is located at 1020 E. Palmer Ave, Glendale 91205.

- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Glendale Water & Power
- Library, Arts & Culture
- Public Works

<u>Previous City Connection</u> <u>Newsletters</u> This year's exhibit, entitled "We're All in The Same Boat," is the artistic creation of Adams Hill resident Cathy Hrenda, who composes artworks from found objects and trash.

The installation, on view through January 13, 2018, is comprised almost entirely of trash. Many of the constituent parts were roadside trash gathered on walks Hrenda took in and around Glendale.

The piece consists of a 6-foot sea serpent covered in bottle caps and other plastic throw-aways. He is accompanied by a man sitting in a rowboat towing a patio umbrella frame decorated with recycled cardboard and plastic bottle ornaments.

Students from John Muir Elementary School painted cardboard fish that swim around the boat, and ornaments were completed by members of the community in Adams Square Mini-Park. Residents of Adams Hill participated in mounting the exhibition in the gas station on November 25, led by Hrenda with assistance from her husband Stephen Meek.

2018 Residential Preferential Parking Permit Renewals Available Online



As 2017 comes to an end, residents residing within a preferential parking district may apply for a 2018 parking permit online at www.glendaleparking.com. The online application system reduces errors such as wrong addresses and misspelled names, and provides a payment confirmation when complete. In addition, a temporary parking permit will be issued upon submission of the online application.

Residents who recently moved into a preferential parking district and would like a permit for the remainder of 2017 should request a temporary parking permit by calling the City of Glendale Public Works Department at (818) 548-3945.

Volunteers Needed for the 2018 Homeless Count in Glendale



The City of Glendale will be conducting the 2018 Homeless Count on January 23 & 24, 2018. Volunteers are needed to support with street outreach efforts for conducting the count.

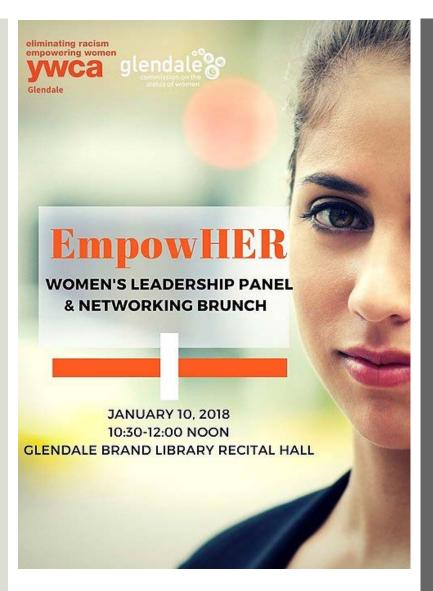
Why count? Collecting reliable data on the number, characteristics, and service needs of individuals, families, and unaccompanied children experiencing homelessness is a critical component of local homeless planning. Accurate, timely data on our homeless population and where they live is a critical tool to help secure and direct resources where they are most needed.

A mandatory volunteer orientation is scheduled for January 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Perkins Building, Room 118 (Perkins Community Room).

<u>Click here</u> to register online to volunteer, or for more information regarding the count, please contact lvet Samvelyan at (818) 548-3720 or at lsamvelyan@glendaleca.gov.

Click here to view the informational flyer.

EmpowHER Brunch Seminar



Whether you are an entrepreneur, a stay-at-home mom, a career women, or even a supportive family member, this event is guaranteed to inspire you. The EmpowHER Women's Leadership Panel & Networking Brunch panelists will share what it takes to have the confidence you need to flourish and find success in all aspects of life. Join YWCA Glendale and the Glendale's Commission on the Status of Women on January 10th, from 10:30 AM- 12:00 NOON at the Glendale Brand Library. Tickets on sale soon on http://www.glendaleywca.org/empowher/











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